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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003, requiring restriction between Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to fingerprint authentication, and Group II, claims 14-27, drawn to a pointing device, applicants traverse the restriction requirement, for the reasons set forth in the REMARKS section below, provide an amendment to the claims in support of the traverse, and provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-13. If the restriction requirement is maintained, applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" [or "new"] in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.